

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

2009-2010

All Confirmation students must attend classes regularly. Two absences are allowed. Additional absences will result in additional community service hours required. Students will be notified when they exceed this limit and the amount of additional service hours required. (2 additional hours for each additional absence.)

All Confirmations students are to attend mass weekly and then hand in a *signed* church bulletin to his/her teacher. Bulletins may be signed by Father Shawn, Father Augustine, Deacon Jack, Sister Georgeann, Mrs. Sengstock, or any of the four Confirmation teachers. Students are responsible for providing a pen for the signature. Signed bulletins are to promote communication between church authorities and our young adults. Four missed bulletins will be allowed. Additional missing bulletins will result in additional community service hours required (2 additional hours for each missing bulletins).

All Confirmation students must perform 40 hours of community service *before* October 1, 2010. 20 of these hours should be for St. Joseph Church or your family's parish. The remaining 20 hours are to benefit the community at large. Work done for close family members should be limited to those with immediate need (ie limited mobility). Babysitting for aunts & uncles, yard work for grandparents, or extra chores for mom & dad are expected of you as a member of your family and will not be considered "community service." This type of work is part of the responsibility of family.

All Confirmation students are to attend a retreat. A list of retreat dates and locations will be handed out in October. You must attend a retreat before June 1, 2010. After this date it will be your responsibility to find and schedule your own retreat *with* the approval of Father Shawn.

All Confirmation students must choose a sponsor. Your sponsor must not be one of your parents. Your sponsor must be a Confirmed Catholic in good standing with the church. Ideally, your sponsor will live nearby. A sponsor should be someone you can call upon in times of moral crises and/or great joy. A sponsor should be someone who is willing to share his/her time, wisdom, and love of God. A short report (two or three paragraphs) about your sponsor and why he/she was chosen will be due by the last class. If your sponsor is not a parishioner of St. Joseph Church, he/she must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from their church.

All Confirmation students must choose a Saint's name to take on when confirmed. A one page report (handwritten or typed ó font size limit 14) on the Saint's background and why he/she was chosen is due by our last class.

All Confirmation students must have a copy of their Baptism and First Holy Eucharist on file. Please obtain this from the church where celebrated if other than St. Joseph Church in Meriden.